

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA
September 5, 2023

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on September 5, 2023 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Morris Grosz, Chad Preszler, Timothy Thomas, and via teleconference; Micheal J. Geditz. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Michael Jager, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Gibson Publishing Co, publishing \$338.20.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$97.85; Century Link 55.06; Ipswich City Office 217.84; Midcontinent Communications 281.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 49.08; Reuer Sanitation 39.00; Verizon Wireless 578.82.

Professional Services: Vaughn P. Beck \$1,647.83; Brown County Jail 8,835.00; Jerald McNeary Attorney 178.40; Sanford Health 261.00; Taliaferro Law Firm 233.65.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Aman Electric LLC \$395.32; Auto Value Parts Stores 721.04; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 7.99; Century Business Products 48.32; Code 2 K-9 Services 271.24; Connecting Point 10,615.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 10,636.43; Custom Installation Solutions 1,795.00; Inman Irrigation 28.00; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 36.93; McLeod's Office Supply 172.33; Microfilm Imaging Systems 1,558.40; Midwest Pump and Tank 51.60; Pomp's Tire Service 645.96; Safety Benefits Inc 150.00; US Bank 4,194.09.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of August: Commissioners \$5,831.00; Auditor 8,605.58; Treasurer 8,187.08; States Attorney 4,400.90; Courthouse Maintenance 3,466.66; Director of Equalization 8,187.08; Register of Deeds 8,187.08; Veteran Service Officer 1,297.58; Sheriff's Department/Jail 45,107.49 (Speed Overtime pay: Kyle Couchey 607.32; Peter Eng 792.23); (Overtime Pay: April Bollinger-Bryant 135.52; Andrea Carlson 471.11; Nathan Jaenisch 451.14; Cynthia Sahli 376.38; Sarah Sahli 141.14); Emergency Management 1,410.24; Highway Department 54,125.68; 4-H 4,935.84; 24/7 Sobriety 219.00.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$1,931.66; AIG 60.00; Delta Dental 1,055.60; Colonial Life 298.00; First Concord Benefits Group 911.02; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 34,392.56; SD Retirement 18,017.36; SD Supplemental Retirement 775.00; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 518.47; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 36,130.00.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler pay all above claims. Motion carried.

BUDGET 2024: Public Hearing on the 2024 Edmunds County Budget was held by the Board of Commissioners, further discussion, and adoption of 2024 budget will be held at the September 19, 2023 meeting.

EMPLOYEE STEP: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to increase the salary of Robert V. Rutt, Highway Maintenance, to \$21.86 per hour, effective September 16, 2023. Motion carried.

SUPPLEMENT BUDGET: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to supplement the Sheriff's Budget, in the amount of \$4,233.72, with Highway Safety Enforcement grant money received, per SDCL 7-21-20.1. Motion carried.

TRANSFER CASH: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to transfer \$371,929.19 cash from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund to the County Road & Bridge Fund, for March through August 2023 County Road and Bridge salaries and County paid benefits as road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure expenses, as use of the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Jason Shaykett and Anthony Wika to attend the 2023 Mosquito Control and West Nile Conference in Aberdeen on September 19th, and allow Michael Jager to attend the Annual Regional Local Road Conference in Sioux Falls on October 23rd-25th. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Jonathan Waldner to attend the Dakota Territory Sheriffs Conference in Aberdeen on September 26th-28th, and allow Jonathan Waldner to attend the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee Training in Sioux Falls on October 24th-25th. Motion carried.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 19th and October 10th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Grosz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Keith Schurr
Edmunds County Auditor

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